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SUBJECT: TURKISH AID

EYES ONLY FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO

1. REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL TO SEND FOLLOWING TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF YOUR JULY 9 CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL TO ANKARA, ATHENS, AND NICOSIA.

2. BEGIN TELEGRAPHIC MEMCON: "FOLLOWING IS STRICTLY FOR YOUR INFO. UNDERSECRETARY SISCO CALLED IN TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL JULY 9 TO EXPLAIN MAIN ELEMENTS OF COMPROMISE BILL ON TURKISH AID ("MORGAN BILL") ON WHICH HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WAS TO BEGIN HEARINGS JULY 10. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER WAS ALSO PRESENT. SISCO SAID THAT BILL WOULD RETAIN BAN ON GRANT ASSISTANCE BUT WOULD PERMIT DELIVERIES OF PIPELINE CASH AND CREDIT ITEMS PURCHASED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 5 (ABOUT \$185 MILLION IN

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PIPELINE) AND ALSO WOULD PERMIT NEW CASH AND CREDIT PUR-

CHASES. UNDERSECRETARY SAID THIS BILL DOES NOT MEET MAXIMUM ADMINISTRATION OBJECTIVE OF REMOVING BAN ON GRANT ASSISTANCE AS WELL (HE NOTED ADMINISTRATION STILL PREFERS SCOTT-MANSFIELD) BUT WOULD, IF ADOPTED, REPRESENT VERY CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

3. UNDERSECRETARY THEN SAID THAT BASED ON QUESTIONS HE AND OTHER SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS BEING ASKED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE UNMISTAKEABLY CLEAR THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) IF, AFTER MAKING INTENSE, HIGHEST-LEVEL EFFORT ADMINISTRATION SUCCEEDS IN LIFTING EMBARGO, BUT TURKEY IS UNABLE TO MOVE POSITIVELY IN CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN REASONABLE PERIOD, NEW STRAINS COULD BE PLACED ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS; (B) DURING NEXT TWO CRITICAL WEEKS WHEN CONGRESS IS DEBATING EMBARGO QUESTION, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NOTHING BE DONE IN TURKEY OR CYPRUS TO ROCK THE BOAT (I.E. ANYTHING ANALAGOUS TO RECENT EXPULSION OF GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM KARPASS); AND (C) IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT GOT NOT TAKE ANY PRECIPITATE ACTION AGAINST U.S. FACILITIES IN TURKEY WHILE CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING EMBARGO, SINCE SUCH ACTION WOULD PREJUDICE CONGRESSIONAL OUTCOME AND BE HARMFUL TO OVERALL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.

4. ESENBEL REPLIED HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD POINTS UNDER-

SECRETARY HAD MADE AND WOULD REPORT THEM TO ANKARA. IN ADDRESSING SISCO'S ILLUSTRATIVE POINT ABOUT KARPASS INCIDENT, ESENBEL SAID EXPULSIONS WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED IF GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD NOT ROUGHED UP TURKISH CYPRIOTS FROM SOUTH. ESENBEL SAID THAT IF GREEK CYPRIOTS SHOW RESTRAINT, HE IS SURE TURKISH SIDE WILL." END MEMCON. INGERSOLL

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